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REF: MONROVIA 4010

1. DEPARTMENT DELIVERED FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE RE JULY 7 INCIDENT INVOLVING SEVERAL LIBERIANS AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE TO AMBASSADOR PEAL OCTOBER 23. BEGIN TEXT: THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA AND HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE DATED JULY 30, 1974 CONCERNING THE EMBASSY'S PROTEST OF ALLEGED EXCESSIVE ACTION BY MEMBERS OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN AN INCIDENT INVOLVING LIBERIAN NATIONALS ON JULY 7, 1974. THE EMBASSY IS INFORMED OF A COMMUNICATION RECEIVED FROM THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, INFORMING

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THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE LIBERIAN COMPLAINANTS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED BY REGISTERED MAIL THAT PRIOR TO AN INVESTIGATION OF BRUTALITY, THE COMPLAINANTS MUST SUBMIT A SWORN STATE-

MENT STATING THEIR ALLEGATIONS. THE COMMUNICATION FURTHER NOTES THAT THAT PROCEDURE IS A REQUIREMENT UNDER MARYLAND STATE LAW, AND THAT THE PERTINENT STATUTE ESSENTIALLY PROHIBITS ANY INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY UNLESS THE COMPLAINT HAS BEEN DULY SWORN TO BEFORE AN OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO ADMINISTER OATHS. THE COMMUNICATION

ALSO STATES THAT ALL PARTIES ALLEGING BRUTALITY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED REGISTERED LETTERS BUT THAT THEY HAVE NOT YET OFFICIALLY AND LEGALLY LODGED THEIR SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS, AND THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES ARE THEREFORE PRECLUDED FROM CONDUCTING A FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT IN QUESTION. THE AUTHORITIES HAVE ASSURED THE DEPARTMENT THAT A THOROUGH AND OBJECTIVE INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT SUCH TIME AS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITED STATUTE HAVE BEEN MET. END TEXT.

2. COPY OF NOTE BEING POUCHED PER REFTTEL. INGERSOLL

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